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**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Public Works

**TITLE:** ADA Playground Improvements at

Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 02-18—Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Bidding

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve combining ADA Playground Improvements, Phase I, Project 00-19, Phase II, Project 01-16, and Phase III, Project 02-18, into a single ADA Playground Improvements at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 02-18. (Five votes required)

2. Approve the plans and specifications for the ADA Playground Improvements at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 02-18, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

ADA Playground Improvements at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 01-16, is funded under ADA Playground Improvements, Phase I, Project 00-19 (\$159,000); ADA Playground Improvements, Phase II, Project 01-16 (\$255,000); and ADA Playground Improvements, Phase III, Project 02-18 (\$260,000). The combined budget of the three projects is \$674,000 allocated from the Capital Improvement Reserve (\$303,000) and Park Land Dedication In-Lieu (\$371,000) Funds. The current estimated cost for the combined Playground Improvements at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 02-18, is approximately \$524,000.

## **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

As a result of a City-wide playground safety audit during 1999-2000 and in order to meet the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, American Society for Testing and Measurement standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City has developed a multi-year program to bring all City playgrounds up to the new standard requirements.

In November 2001, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved an improvement implementation schedule for the various playgrounds recommending that the playgrounds at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks be addressed first. In March 2002, the companies, Ross Recreation Equipment and All About Play, were retained to provide the play equipment and related playground improvement design services. After meeting with neighborhood residents regarding design, the City would purchase the play equipment from

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these companies, and a contractor would be hired to construct the improvements and install the play equipment.

During the months of April, May and June 2002, meetings were held with the residents of the Cooper, Varsity, Monta Loma and Sylvan neighborhoods. Each neighborhood reached a consensus on the design for the respective playground. In July 2002, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the conceptual designs (see Attachment 1).

The estimated cost for ADA Playground Improvements at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks, Project 02-18, is as follows:

Construction	\$225,000
Construction Contingency	22,000
Playground Equipment	200,000
Design Services	7,000
City Design	10,000
Inspection and Testing	12,000
Project Management	15,000
Miscellaneous	1,000
Subtotal	\$492,000
City Administration @ 6.5%	32,000
TOTAL	\$524,000

The project is scheduled to be advertised in late October and for bid opening in November 2002. If bids are favorable, the construction contract for the project will be recommended for award on December 10, 2002. The construction will begin in February 2003, and all work will be completed by the summer of 2003.

In accordance with CEQA, this project has been determined to be categorically exempt as Class 1(d), Section 15301 and Class 2(c), Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Guidelines.

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<u>**PUBLIC NOTICING**</u>—Agenda posting, notice of agenda posting at parks and sent to interested parties (e-mail list).

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Attachment: 1. Conceptual Designs for Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks

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